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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

BANGALORE A. NAGARAJ et al.

Ser. No. 09/931,347

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For: ARTICLE HAVING AN IMPROVED PLATINUM-
ALUMINUM-HAFNIUM PROTECTIVE COATING

GAU: 1775

Examiner: J. McNeil

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Enter the following claims to replace the previously submitted claims of the same respective number:

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1. (Amended) An article protected by a protective coating, comprising:
a substrate having a substrate surface; and
a protective coating comprising an outer layer deposited upon the substrate surface and having a protective-coating outer surface, and a diffusion zone formed by